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Fee Transmittal Form



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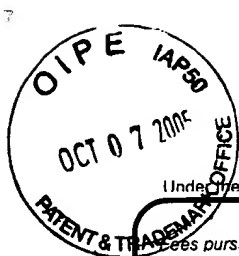
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____		
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Serial No. 09/973,862) Confirmation No. 8811
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Filed: October 11, 2001) Atty. Docket No. GP095-06.DV4
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For: AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR)
ISOLATING AND AMPLIFYING A)
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID)

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